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SUBJECT:OPIUM POPPY BAN

REF: ANKARA 3911, 3274

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. THE PRESIDENT WISHES YOU TO EXPRESS ORALLY HIS CONCERN
IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT DURING
YOUR MEETING WITH HIM SCHEDULED FOR 6 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 6.

2. QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO COMMUNICATE TO
YOU HIS SERIOUS CONCERN, WHICH IS SHARED BY THE AMERICAN
CONGRESS AND PUBLIC, OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT MAY RESCIND THE OPIUM BAN. A RESUMPTION OF
OPIUM PRODUCTION BY TURKEY WOULD CARRY A VERY GRAVE RISK
OF RESUMED ILLICIT TRAFFIC WITH SERIOUS ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO END NARCOTICS
SMUGGLING. INSTEAD, THE PRESIDENT HOPES THAT OUR TWO

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GOVERNMENTS, ALONG WITH CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES,

CAN PURSUE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF
THOSE INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY THE BAN. END QUOTE. RUSH

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